

Keris Strike 2013

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# Opening Nords

#### Major General Dato Mohd Shukuri bin Ahmad

First and foremost, let us extend our praise to the Almighty God for His blessing; we are able to assemble here for Keris Strike Exercise 17/2013.

I am extremely pleased to note that our armies have been able to work closely together on the given assigned tasks for the common benefit of both countries. This exercise is the manifestation and expression of our intimate military ties and cooperation. It is also an avenue to further strengthen the existing relationship

that has existed between the troops from the United States Army and Malaysian Army Field Command that we have enjoyed over these years. The Malaysian Army is indeed honored to host this exercise. In my opinion, apart from contributing to the objective set in the Keris Strike exercise 17/2013, this exercise will also indicate a significant landmark in the ongoing military relations.

The vital aim of this bilateral exercise is to foster good relations between the Malaysian Army and the U.S.
Army and to enhance
the interoperability of
both participants in
handling conflict within
the Asian environment.
I do hope that both
parties are able to
achieve the desired
objective.

Keris Strike Exercise 17/2013 is a joint combined command post exercise that focuses on the United Nations peace enforcement operations. The objectives of the exercise are:

A. To enhance interoperability between participating

troops by extending each other's tactical knowledge and operational staff procedures in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.

B. To exercise and practice command post procedures among commanders and staff in a combined exercise.

C. To exchange the knowledge and experiences on peace enforcement operations between the Malaysian and U.S. Army.

D. To foster and develop good relationships between Malaysian and U.S. Army personnel.

I would also like to take this opportunity to elongate my earnest pleasure to all the exercise planning staff from both countries who have given their full commitment and untiring effort to ensure the success of this bilateral command post exercise.

On behalf of the Malaysian Army, I do hope all exercise participants will give their very best in portraying their military



I would like to see that this exercise will be beneficial and meaningful, especially to the Malaysian officers and soldiers. I believe you will have an opportunity to meet new friends as well as gain new experiences and knowledge in conducting joint operations. At the same time, you will be able also learn each other's culture and traditions.

For the officers and soldiers of the Malaysian army, you are the host to the men and women from the United States Army. It is our responsibility and our tradition to make them feel most comfortable and at home at all times.

To the staff and participating troops from the United States Army, welcome to Malaysia and do enjoy your short stay here. It is our pleasure to have you over here and to assist in making this exercise a successful one.

Thank you.



The Malaysian Army 2nd Division band readies tself before he opening eremony. The band played and helped to keep time for drilland-ceremony during the





Brig. Gen. Pete Johnson, the 25th Infantry Division Deputy Commanding Operations. ceremonial arm band to one of the Malaysian exercise participants during the ceremony.



## KERIS STRIKE **2013 BEGINS!**

Story and Photos by Staff Sgt. Sean Everette

Members of the U.S. and Malaysian armies gathered together to begin Exercise Keris Strike 13 with a ceremony at Lapangan Terbang Camp, Sungai Petani, Kedah, Malaysia the morning of Sept. 17. Maj. Gen. Dato Mohd Shukuri bin Ahmad, the General Officer Commanding of the Malaysian Army 2nd Infantry Division, hosted Brig. Gen. Pete Johnson, the 25th Infantry Division Deputy Commanding General - Operations, and Col. Thomas Mackey, the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division Commander and U.S. deputy co-director of the exercise, as part of the ceremony.

Keris Strike is a U.S. Army Pacific-sponsored Theater Security Cooperation Program exercise conducted annually with the Malaysian Armed Forces. This year marks the 17th time the two countries have partnered for this exercise. The main purpose of Keris Strike is to strengthen the military-to-military ties between the U.S. and Malaysian Armed Forces while conducting Peace Support Operations and Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief, as well as Medical First Responder and Counter-IED training.

"This exercise is the manifestation and expression of our intimate military ties and cooperation," said Shukuri during his opening remarks. "It is also an avenue to further strengthen the existing relationship between the troops from the United States Army and the Malaysian Army Field Command that we have enjoyed over these years."

This year is the first time that U.S. active duty Soldiers have had a major role in Keris Strike. Because of the end of Operations Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn and the drawing down of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, U.S. forces in the Pacific are able to refocus and bring an active duty perspective to the event.

"It is very important for our Army to understand the Pacific area, in particular the very strategic area that Malaysia sits in," said Johnson. "So we come here with open thoughts about learning what we can about the setting, the populations, the people, the culture, the history, and understand, that should we be called to come together with the Malaysian army, we could operate together very effectively."

The 25th Infantry Division and its 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team are taking the lead for the U.S. forces, and are being supported by the 9th Mission Support Command, Pacific Army Reserve and the 56th Theater Intelligence Operations Group of the Washington Army National Guard. The Malaysian Army 2nd Infantry Division is hosting the exercise.

#### PERASMIAN KERIS

## STRIKE 2013! Disediakan oleh: Kapten Masrina binti Jamaludin, PAO

Eksesais Keris Strike 2013 telah dirasmikan oleh Panglima 2 Divisyen, Mejar Jeneral Dato' Mohd Shukuri bin Ahmad bersama Timbalan Komander 25 Infantri Divisyen, Brigedier Jeneral Pete Johnson Pembukaan Eksesais Keris Strike 17/2013 di Padang Kawad Rejimen Ke-52 Artileri Diraja pada 27 September 2013.

Perbarisan diketuai oleh Pegawai Memerintah 6 Rejimen Askar Melayu Diraja, Leftenan Kolonel Mohammad Fauzi bin Abu Bakar telah disertai oleh 120 anggota Tentera Darat Malaysia dan 75 anggota Tentera Darat US. Semasa berlangsung, Panglima 2 Divisyen dan Timbalan Komander 25 Infantri Divisyen memakaikan arm bands kepada 7 orang pegawai yang bertanggungjawab ke atas eksesais ini sebagai simbolik perasmian.

Keris Strike adalah merupakan siri eksesais gabungan yang dilaksanakan pada setiap tahun melalui latihan dua hala (bilateral training) dan perbincangan berkumpulan yang telah diprogramkan antara Tentera Darat Malaysia dan United State Army Pacific (USARPAC). Sehubungan itu, pada tahun 2013 Markas 2 Divisyen telah dipilih untuk melibatkan diri dalam eksesais ini sebagai kesinambungan 3 Divisyen pada tahun 2012.

Keris Strike adalah merupakan latihan berasaskan sistem komputer yang melatih staf - staf formasi, batalion dan pasukan bertindak mengaplikasikan bantuan kemanusiaan semasa bencana alam berlaku melalui Multinational Force (MNF) berdasarkan kepada mandat PBB yang telah dikeluarkan oleh Majlis Keselamatan.

Walaubagaimanapun, semasa berucap Panglima 2 Divisyen, menyatakan bahawa anggota Tentera Darat Malaysia berkemampuan untuk bekerjasama erat bersama anggota Tentera Darat US dan menggunakan peluang ini sebaik mungkin. Keadaan ini mampu memberikan kelebihan kepada kedua - dua buah negara dalam usaha memperkukuhkan hubungan yang sedia ada. Turut dinyatakan bahawa, "Latihan ini adalah untuk memberi peluang kepada kedua-dua pihak Tentera Darat Malaysia dan Tentera Darat US dalam melatih tindakan yang perlu diambil serta bertindak dengan pantas bagi menghadapi situasi bencana alam seperti di Achech." Semasa sesi sidang media

Mendapat perhatian Timbalan Komander 25 Infantri Divisyen melalui kepentingan bilateral training ini kepada mereka, beliau menyatakan bahawa mengenali negara Malaysia adalah sangat penting kepada anggota Tentera Darat mereka. Mereka berharap agar dapat menjalin hubungan erat dengan negara Malaysia yang unik dan berkedudukan strategik di rantau Asia ini disamping mempelajari sejarah dan bekerjasama membantu negara yang menimpa bencana melalui PBB.

Turut sama meluangkan masa adalah Panglima Briged Sempadan, Brigedier Jeneral Hasagaya bin Abdullah, Pemangku Komander Artileri Divisyen 2Divisyen, Kolonel Wee Han Siew, pegawai-pegawai Memerintah serta pegawai dan anggota yang terlibat.



Brig. Gen. Pete Johnson (center), the 25th Infantry Division Deputy Commanding General -Operations; Maj. Gen. Dato Mohd Shukuri bin Ahmad (2nd from right), the General Officer Commanding of the Malaysian Army 2nd Infantry Division; Col. Thomas Mackey (2nd from left), 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division commander and exercise deputy co-director; Brig. Gen. Zulkapri bin Rahamat (right), Malaysian Army 6th Brigade commander; and Col. Wee Han Siew (left), Malaysian Artillery Division commander; pose with the U.S. and Malaysian Soldiers taking part in Keris Strike after the conclusion of the opening ceremony.



## Medics Teaching Medics

#### Medical First Responder Training

Story and Photos by Staff Sgt. William Sallette

Another class of medical personnel completed the Medical First Responders course during the Keris Strike 13 exercise Sept. 23. The MFR course is designed after the U.S. Army's Combat Life Saver course and is a major part of the Malaysian Armed Forces training program during Keris Strike. Among other areas, it covers controlling bleeding, opening and managing a casualty's airway, and tactical casualty combat care.

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Each year, the MAF selects a different unit and sends the best medical personnel from that unit to attend the course. The course is similar each year, but with the changes in technology

most current knowledge and then transfer that information to the Soldiers in their units.

"Combat medicine is everchanging," said Capt. Yolanda Benson, C Co. 225th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th

and practices, it allows the new

students the opportunity to get the

changing," said Capt. Yolanda Benson, C Co. 225th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division. "We adapt procedures all the time to ensure that we are providing the best care possible and that is what we want to provide the MAF Soldiers with each year."

MAF Soldiers deploy on multiple peacekeeping missions every year and because of their position in the Pacific, they must always be ready to provide disaster relief and humanitarian assistance.

The consolidated 40-hour course culminated with the MAF Soldiers going through trauma lanes where they would have to react to a number of situations and utilize what they had been taught to assist the casualties before them.

"Even from the first day of instruction we quickly realized that there wouldn't be any barriers to overcome, said Benson. "The students immediately picked up on the course material and all had a good time during the course."

The U.S. Army trainers certified 37 MAF medical personnel during the course and then conducted additional training on burns, hot and cold weather injuries, snake and insect bites and then discussed case studies from Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Many of our deployments are under the United Nations and they require us to partner with many nations including the U.S., and this training will better prepare us for those missions because we now have the knowledge and techniques that are used to better manage the patient care," said Capt. Doctor Nor Hidayah with the Malaysian Armed Forces Sick Center.





#### Khidmat Diutamakan

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untuk mengukuhkan

asas perubatan anggota

2 Divisyen dalam

mengendalikan misi

bantuan pertolongan

cemas di medan."

#### Disediakan oleh: Capt Masrina binti Jamaludin

Medical First Responder (MFR)
Training adalah merupakan salah
satu dari tiga elemen penting yang
diketengahkan di dalam eksesais
Keris Strike 13 terhadap para
peserta dari Kor Kesihatan Diraja
(KKD) 2 Divisyen. Elemen ini telah
melibatkan seramai 38 orang peserta
yang terdiri daripada pegawai dan
anggota Lain-Lain Pangkat (LLP)

serta 7 orang
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secara teori dan
praktikal bermula

dari 18 September 2013 hingga 26 September 2013.

Hasil temubual bersama Pegawai Tadbir UBAT 2 Divisyen, Mejar Mohammad bin Harun, beliau menyatakan bahawa eksesais ini dilaksana untuk mengukuhkan asas perubatan anggota kesihatan 2 Divisyen dalam mengendalikan misi bantuan pertolongan cemas di medan.

"Mereka dilatih untuk merawat pesakit yang mengalami kecederaan seperti patah tulang dan pendarahan akibat kecederaan teruk. Peserta juga diberikan pendedahan berkaitan perlindungan daripada ancaman musuh semasa memberikan

> rawatan awal kepada pesakit di dalam situasi peperangan." Sambungnya lagi

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yang dialami oleh pesakit dengan tepat, membendung kecederaan, serta memberi rawatan awal kepada pesakit sementara menunggu bantuan perubatan dan memindahkannya ke hospital berhampiran. Latihan ini amat berguna kepada para peserta yang berpegang kepada cogan kata 'Khidmat Diutamakan' dalam mengasah kemahiran, menambah pengetahuan dan bersama-sama meningkatkan tahap kesihatan warga ATM.









#### THE WILL TO SURVIVE

#### SOLDIERS LEARN ABOUT JUNGLE SURVIVAL

#### AND SEE WAR DOGS IN ACTION

Malaysian Soldiers from the 4th Royal Ranger Regiment and the Jungle Warfare Wing Training Center demonstrated jungle survival techniques in the Survival Village at Lapangan Terbang Camp. Exercise participants also watched a demonstration of Malaysian war dog capabilities.

Tim dari Rejimen Ke-4 Renjer Diraja, Cawangan Peperangan Hutan, PULADA mempersembahkan teknik – teknik yang digunapakai untuk bertahan di dalam hutan semasa demonstrasi ikhtiar hidup di dalam kawasan Kem Lapangan Terbang. Turut dipersembahkan adalah demonstrasi menjejak musuh dan mengesan bahan letupan dari Tim Anjing Perang, PULADA.

ANGGOTA TENTERA DIDEDAHKAN PENGETAHUAN IKHTIAR HIDUP DI HUTAN DAN DEMONSTRASI TINDAKAN ANJING PERANG.

#### KEPERLUAN UNTUK BERTAHAN











Photos and story by Staff Sgt. William Sallette

Keris Strike 13 completed phase III of a four-phase Counter Improvised Explosive Device training program, a joint operation with United States Army Pacific and the Malaysian Armed Forces with goals of creating a Malaysian CIED training team, Sept. 27.

This years training validated the Royal Engineer Regiment, 2nd Division CIED teams for training and assisted them on their first course as they trained more than 120 Combat Engineers on CIED operations.

Keris Strike is a U.S. Army Pacific and Malaysian Armed Forces bilateral Theater Security Cooperation Program event. Through participation in this exercise, the two countries strengthen their capabilities in military-to-military cooperation while focusing on international peace support operations.

Malaysian Armed Forces currently conduct multiple peacekeeping missions in Lebanon and operations in Afghanistan. With missions like these, the MAF

felt it was necessary to have their own CIED Mobile Training Team to train their Soldiers on the imposing threats they may encounter.

"Based on the global threat of terrorism and the security of our own nation, we need to keep a constant training regiment on CIED operations," said Maj. MD Lani Surihan, 8th Squadron, Royal Engineer Regiment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Division.

"The Malaysian army has taken the instruction very well," said Staff Sgt. Christopher Kidd, a trainer for Asia Pacific Counter Improvised Explosive Device Fusion Center based at Fort Shafter, Hawaii. "It has been almost a year since we taught them the material needed to train their troops and after speaking with them, you can tell they have continued to learn since we have been gone."

The MAF CIED training team taught Vehicle and Area searches, Dismounted Operations in an IED environment, the components and make up of many IEDs, and how to recognize common tactics used by insurgents.

Having a completely trained CIED team gives the MAF a tool that not only allows them to

train more engineers within their regiment on CIED operations, it also allows them to train other members of the MAF on IED awareness for deployments to peacekeeping missions around the globe.

"The level of support we have received shows that they are truly all in on this training and that they are looking forward to a long term sustainment plan with the U.S.," said Michael Thomas, Asian Pacific exercise plans leader for the CIED Fusion Center.

With permanent MAF CIED instructors in place, next years exercise will complete the training program and will be more of a refresher course for the MAF instructors as the USARPAC and MAF CIED teams meet to not only conduct training, but to update the training doctrine and come together to talk about the changes of the CIED mission.

Surihan also added that, although we have our own team now, we want to continue our partner nation program to add more training and gain knowledge from the U.S. experiences during their deployments.

#### **70 ANGGOTA JURUTERA** BERKEMAHIRAN C-IED DILAHIRKAN

Disediakan oleh: Warrant Officer 2 Ramidah Kadir

Menyedari kepentingan pelajaran Counter-Improvise Explosive Devices (C-IED), Keris Strike 2013 sekali lagi mendedahkan anggota Kor Jurutera khasnya dengan latihan berkaitan ancaman jerangkap samar dan periuk api (IED) yang semakin meningkat. Eksesais ini juga bertujuan untuk meningkatkan tahap kesiapsiagaan dan kerjasama teknikal disamping menunjukkan kesungguhan negara

besar seperti Amerika Svarikat terhadap Malaysia yang melibatkan diri dalam misi pengaman di negara yang dilanda konflik.

Semasa berlangsung, seramai 70

orang peserta dari Kor Jurutera didedahkan dengan pembelajaran ini. Pelajaran disampaikan secara teori dan praktikal selama 10 hari dan mendapat bantuan 7 orang jurulatih dari Tim Pacific

Fusion Center yang diketuai oleh Micheal Thomas yang berpengalaman lebih 30 tahun.

Ditemubual, salah seorang jurulatih Tim Jurutera, Kapten Murali a/l Subramaniam berkaitan pelajaran yang disampaikan, "peserta-peserta eksesais kali ini diajar menangani pelbagai situasi ancaman

jerangkap samar dan periuk api. Salah satu pelajaran yang diajar adalah melaksanakan misi pembersihan kawasan ancaman bagi menentukan kawasan tersebut bersih

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daripada bahan letupan, eksesais kali ini diajar makanan atau ancaman kumpulan pemberontak.' Katanya. "Operasi

pemeriksaan sekatan jalan raya juga turut didedahkan kepada

peserta kerana bagi menangani kebarangkalian berlakunya penyeludupan bahan-bahan bahan letupan atau peralatan membuat

bahan letupan dibawa masuk ke kawasan-kawasan ancaman" sambungnya lagi.

Menariknya pendedahan ini adalah bermanfaat kepada anggota melalui pelbagai pendekatan situasi sebenar.

> Mereka dilatih untuk membuat pemeriksaan semasa sekatan jalan raya sehingga ke bahagian - bahagian komponen kereta bagi memperolehi maklumat ancaman. Sehubungan itu, eksesais ini juga adalah penting untuk mengukuhkan hubungan diantara kedua-dua buah negara dan dimanfaatkan untuk memupuk hubungan erat dengan ATM. Pembelajaran yang berkesan dari tenaga pengajar berkemahiran melahirkan anggota berkebolehan.









## Friendly Competition

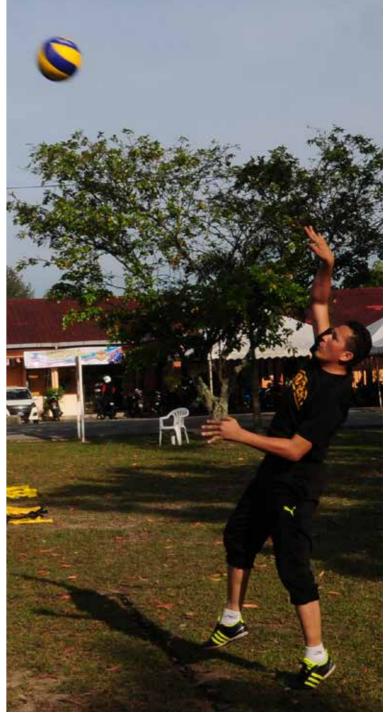




Exercise participants got together one afternoon and participated in the Keris Strike 2013 Sports Day. The internationally-mixed teams competed in volleyball, soccer, and futsal (indoor soccer). Others passed around an American football while enjoying an afternoon of camaraderie.

Hari Sukan Keris Strike 2013 telah menggabungkan keseluruhan anggota Tentera Darat Malaysia dan U.S di dalam beberapa buah kumpulan untuk menyterai perlawanan persahabatan sukan bola tampar, bola sepak dan futsal. Walaubagaimanapun, anggota yang tidak terlibat turut memberi sokongan dan menonton American football sambil menikmati waktu petang.

#### Perlawanan Persahabatan



## EXERCISE KERIS STRIKE Coming together to aid the Pacific

Story and Photos by Staff Sgt. Sean Everette

The nations of Lanuland and Struland have a fragile peace, and have been separated by a demilitarized zone. Malaysia borders these countries on the north and east, and has combined with the U.S. to form the 6th Multinational Brigade in order to perform peacekeeping operations between the two countries. Just as a plan has been formed to end the conflict and phase out the DMZ, a terrible earthquake strikes Malaysia. The Malaysian military has to pull out of the 6th MNB, and the U.S. commits to helping our Malaysian partners conduct humanitarian assistance/ disaster relief in their homeland.

Thankfully, there really is no earthquake or conflict, or even countries called Lanuland and Struland. This is just the scenario the U.S. and Malaysian militaries worked through for the Command Post Exercise at Exercise Keris Strike 13.

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"This is just one step in our evolution making us a better combat force," said Maj. Colin Davis, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division Civil Affairs Officer. "Being that the 25th is in the U.S. Pacific Command area of responsibility, it only makes sense to work with the Malaysians. They're a very strong, capable military and if anything were to happen in the Pacific area, the U.S. and the Malaysians would both react. So, anything we can do to build that relationship, know how each other works, build that partnership, is only going to benefit us in the future. If something unfortunate happens, and we're forced to use our military

might, we know that we have our brothers and sisters from Malaysia on our left and that they are a competent force we can work with and succeed with."

During the CPX, both countries had the opportunity to observe how the other country worked through the various issues that arose.

"From one country to another country, we should have this kind of exercise to enhance our knowledge, especially in a military way," said Capt. Nur Izanny binti Iyni, 6th Infantry Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division Intelligence Officer. "Even though we are not using the same doctrine as you, we can still learn from each other and the doctrine is not too different. So, we get an overview of how you do things and you see how we do things."

The CPX was more than just a chance for the Americans to learn from the Malaysians. It was also a chance to brush up on working with the United Nations, something the U.S. hasn't done as much over the past decade of war.

"Many of the Malaysian officers have experience in Timor and Lebanon and bring a knowledge of

UN peacekeeping operations and how the United Nations works," Davis said. "We haven't participated in operations like that in many years. So, as they learn about our staff processes and how we operate, we're absorbing their knowledge about other types of missions in the world. It's a learning experience on both sides."

The sharing of knowledge and strengthening of bonds is what makes the CPX and Exercise Keris Strike a success year after year.

## POSTAH APLIKASI SISTEM SIMULASI PERANG BERKOMPUTER



#### Disediakan oleh: Capt. Masrina binti Jamaludin

Berkonsepkan penugasan di dalam misi pengaman yang berada di bawah pemerintahan Pertubuhan Bangsa-Bangsa Bersatu (PBB), pasukan 6 Briged telah ditemukan bersama Striker Brigade U.S untuk melaksanakan eksesais POSTAH atau Command Post Exercise (CPX) dari 17 September 2013 sehingga 27 September 2013. Eksesais ini bertujuan untuk mewujudkan kerjasama di antara kedua – dua buah negara dalam penugasan misi pengaman dengan berkesan.

Eksesais POSTAH adalah merupakan perancangan operasi dan simulasi pertempuran di medan perang dan dilaksanakan tanpa memerlukan penggunaan aset sebenar mahupun pergerakan anggota tentera di medan tempur. Eksesais dijalankan melalui suntikansuntikan senario strategik perang yang mungkin berlaku dengan faktor keadaan sekeliling. Dalam situasi ini, 6 Briged perlu merancang dan bertindak menghadapi situasi yang disuntik dengan berkesan. Melibatkan semua peringkat pemerintahan, pegawai staf 2 Divisyen yang dinamakan sebagai

Multinational Forces (MNF) di dalam eksesais yang bertindak sebagai HICON, 6 Briged sebagai Multinational Brigade (MNB) dan unit-unit 2 RAMD, 6 RAMD dan 4 RRD yang merupakan kompeni di bawah MNB sebagai perlaksana yang perlu bertindak dan menguji kemahiran dan mengendali operasi secara bersama.

Ditemubual pegawai 2 RAMD yang bertindak sebagai Penolong Pegawai Memerintah, Mejar Werar Suleiman bin Hj Ali berkaitan perlaksanaan eksesais ini beliau menyatakan bahawa keseluruhan

eksesais CPX ini adalah simulasi sebenar yang perlu dilaksanakan semasa berkhidmat dibawah Pertubuhan Bangsa-bangsa Bersatu (PBB). Beliau yang berpengalaman sebagai Chief Operation Officer MALCOY 7 turut menyatakan segala aktiviti yang disimulasikan adalah perkara sebenar yang berlaku

semasa beliau berkhidmat bersama MALCOY 7. Beliau berharap agar para peserta dapat membentuk sendiri proses eksesais menjadi penambahbaikan berterusan mod latihan yang sedia ada bagi persediaan khususnya bagi mereka yang terlibat dalam PBB kelak.

Bersama-sama melibatkan diri dalam eksesais ini adalah wakil perkhidmatan Laut, dan wakil perkhidmatan Udara yang memberi bantuan dalam kepakaran masingmasing.











## Taking in the Sights U.S. Soldiers participating Keris Strike took time away from the

U.S. Soldiers participating Keri Strike took time away from the exercise to experience some local culture. They visited the Lembah Bujang Archaeology Museum, the World War II War Museum in Penang, and the Penang State Museum and Art Gallery before stopping at the Gurney Plaza Mall for shopping and dinner.

#### Melawat Tempat-tempat Menarik

Merupakan satu pendedahan terhadap budaya hidup di Malaysia, anggota tentera U.S yang terlibat di dalam Eksesais Keris Strike dibawa ke beberapa buah tempat menarik di sekitar Kedah dan Pulau Pinang. Mereka dibawa ke Muzium Arkeologi Lembah Bujang, Muzium Perang Dunia Kedua di Pulau Pinang, Galeri Seni dan Muzium Negeri Pulau Pinang serta berhenti membeli-belah dan makan malam di Gurney Plaza sebelum bergerak balik ke kawasan









## In Closing

## Major General Gary M. Hara

I am honored to give the closing remarks for Keris Strike 2013 on behalf of General Brooks, Commanding General U.S. Army Pacific. Over the last 17 years, this exercise has developed into one of the Pacific's most important and dynamic displays of military partnership; and the U.S. Army is proud to participate in this great event.

I would first like to thank our host, the country of Malaysia, for another outstanding display of your renowned hospitality. Of course, events such as this do not simply materialize out of thin air. Rather, there is a core of individuals who work

for many months leading up to the exercise, and then engage even more actively during its execution to ensure all participants are able to accomplish the exercise objective. It is to that cast of professionals that we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude.

I would like to extend a special thanks to the 2nd Division. Thank you for setting the bar high for this event. Time and again our Soldiers come away absolutely amazed by your hospitality, professionalism, and friendship. We look forward to many more visits in the future.

The modern world not only provides increased opportunities

for partnership, but the contemporary operating environment demands it. Answers to future challenges will become increasingly coalition endeavors. Your combined efforts over the last two weeks, and really over the last 17 years, underscore that. Keris Strike makes a vital contribution every year to building capacity for and spirit of partnership. I remain confident in the trust and professional expertise shared between our countries. We are well postured to respond to a multitude of shared interests and security concerns that transcend national borders.

Over the past few days, the Soldiers

assembled before you have participated in an important and unique training opportunity. The Malaysian Armed Forces' extensive experience in realworld United Nations operations makes them an invaluable partner in peace support operations. This was clearly seen through the effective sharing of organizational tactics, techniques, and procedures during the challenging command post exercise.

Across the breadth of this exercise, together our armies were able to improve our capacity to work in a United Nations or multinational environment. We enhanced our staff planning, counter IED capabilities, and medical training. And, most significantly, we improved our ability to work together in support of humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations. Thank you for all for your efforts.

One of the greatest impacts of working together in a venue such as Keris Strike is the relationships that we



build. It bears repeating that shaping a peaceful and prosperous regional environment requires partnerships built on trust and dialogue; on cooperation and collaboration. Trust is the result of extended, open interaction between people; and that's truly why this event is so important. Our nations' relationship today bears witness to the depth of that trust. I am confident that future generations of military leaders will carry this progress forward. The future is

bright because of all of you here today.

Thanks to your efforts, together in partnership, our armies can make a positive contribution to peace and prosperity. Our validation of capability, capacity, and effectiveness to establish and sustain security operations in the Asia-Pacific area is a byproduct of this cooperation and exercise. I look forward to building upon this solid foundation in the future.

One Team!

